



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** March 26, 2015

**Meeting Time:** 7:30AM to 9:00PM

**Meeting Location:** Oakwood Rec Center, 767 California St., Venice, CA 90291 Venice, CA 90291

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1. 7:30AM – Welcome and Introductions – see [VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee](http://VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee) to see neighborhoods
2. Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick		John Weston	Present
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi (on leave)	
Carmen Navarro	Arrv 7:40	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Carolyn Rios	Left 8:50	Marianna Aguilar	Present
Daniel Pinedo	Present	Mark Kanights	Arrv 7:35
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	Present
Jay Cole	Present	Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Arrv 8:50
Joan Wrede		Sarah Shoup	Present
Joe Verrone			
Guests: Michelle Mowery (DOT)		Judy Goldman	
John Montgomery		Linda Lucks	
Liz Wright		Lisa Macan	
Judy Carter		Ilana Marosi	

3. Approve Agenda [CR/MK 13-0-1 \(Chair abstains from all votes\)](#)
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
  - [Judy Goldman](#) - Short Term Rental Protest-4/1 at 1231 Electric (meet at Westminster & Electric for march) at 5pm
  - Judy also noted: Roy Samaan (author of LAANE report on AirBnB) will attend LUPC meeting on April 14
  - [Bill Boyd](#) – City has found money for Via Dolce Children's Park on east side of Grand Canal in Silver Strand
  - [Jerry Jaffe](#) – House of Blues is coming to Venice
  - [Carmen Navarro](#) – VCHC broke ground for 25 units of affordable housing in Del Rey near Costco
  - [Marc Saltzberg](#) – Venice Forward is a new initiative that Councilman Bonin is spearheading to set up a cooperative environment of social service agencies that will make it easier and more efficient to get unhoused individuals into permanent, supportive housing. This concept has been very effective in Hollywood (the organization there is called [Hollywood4Wrd](#)). Marc encouraged attendees to go to [http://www.11thdistrict.com/venice\\_forward\\_sign\\_up](http://www.11thdistrict.com/venice_forward_sign_up) to sign up as a supporter.
  - Marc also mentioned: Google will have a meeting for non-profits on 4/22 at 6:30pm to show them how to use free google tools to improve their operations at Google's offices.
  - Marc also announced: The possibility of more money (up to 45K plus rollover) coming to VNC from City of LA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only
  - [Lisa Macan](#) spoke about problems with FilmLA location shoots in her area (parking lot between North & South Venice east of Pacific) and parking lot cleanup (urine smell / body waste) – referred to Cecilia
  - [Ilana Marosi](#) - bar and restaurant issues
  - [Judy Carter](#) – has solutions to Short Term Rentals problem – referred to Judy G
6. Approve minutes from previous meetings – [02/26/2015](#)  
Correction from John W to note he represents Marina Peninsula South (rather than Marina Peninsula West)  
Approved as Amended JW/DP 13-0-1
7. Report on Last VNC Board Meeting [Announcement of Venice Forward](#)
8. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion with DOT regarding bicycle signage and lane striping [Michelle Mowery, DOT Bicycle Program](#)

Ms. Mowery told us about the City's Strategic Bicycle Plan See the DOT Bicycle Program website [bicyclela.org](http://bicyclela.org) – Click to view the [Strategic Bicycle Plan](#) (about 100 pages). Click [HERE](#) to review the new mobility plan and [proposed enhancements](#) to the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is the road map to what DOT wants to do. It discusses both vision and design – Laymen's guide to engineering design manual (click [HERE](#) for 2012 California standardized traffic signs).

- Bike lanes require a minimum of 10 ft road lane before they can be added (exclusive of parking) Underutilized roads are being converted to add a bike lane in place of a travel lane
- Changing speed limits for streets requires that DOT first do a "Speed Survey." By State Law, they must then set the speed limit for a road at 85% of the surveyed average speed (rounded up to the nearest 5 mile/hr).
- The following issues were identified; Ms. Mowery's responses are in red. I've asked Michelle to respond by email to the issues that don't have a response.
  - Traffic slowing when bikes don't keep to right - Bikes treated like cars – but sidewalk riding in LA is allowed. **Bikes can legally take a shared lane; they are required to ride as far to the right as practicable and can't be harassed by drivers. They must ride in a bike lane if one is provided unless conditions in lane are unsafe. The presence of a bike path does not require riders to stay out of the street. No law against riding 2 (or more) abreast in a shared lane – but there is a law (sometimes used against bikes) requiring slow traffic to move over and allow vehicles to pass if 5 or more vehicles are in line behind them.**
  - **Bikes don't stop at stop signs – don't follow the law –true, but enforcement is a problem regardless of vehicle type.**
  - Safety / Courtesy between bikes and Motor Vehicles
  - Lack of enforcement
  - Traffic study estimates are inaccurate and don't account for bikes – so mitigation measures are incomplete
  - Bikes maneuvering through traffic around beach parking lots is unsafe
  - Kids in trailers towed by bike don't have helmets
  - Bikes should not have to yield at 4 way stop signs
  - Does the City of LA feel there is a problem to be addressed
  - Bike visibility at night, dark colors, no reflectors no lights
  - Cars making left turns don't always see bikes coming toward them (particularly if bikes are using sidewalk)
  - Bikes on sidewalks are a hazard to pedestrians – while bikes are forced onto sidewalks when no lanes are available in street, safe operation rules are not clear
  - Bikes being passed on the right when they move out of right turn only lanes

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding bike rental distribution of safety info 5 min Sara Shoup  
Discussion of motion that Sarah will bring to Committee next month (Michelle Mowery's comments appreciated!).
- c. Neighborhood Committee Outreach Program and Introduction Cards Postponed to next month
- d. Discussion of distribution plans for [Community Improvement Project Applications](#)  
We appear to be on-track – deadline for submission is 4/1
- e. Report from Neighborhood Committee Goals Coordinators Postponed to next month

#### 9. New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Short Term Rentals (click [HERE](#) for new AirBnB report from LAANE, click [HERE](#) for Curbed LA article on report and [HERE](#) for Neighborhood Committee Report from 2013)  
Daniel Pinedo summarized LAANE's AirBnB report. Much of the discussion occurred after the meeting was adjourned – we'll pick it up again at our next meeting.
- b. Neighborhood Reports Postponed to next month

#### 10. Adjourn